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In re application of:

Philip S. Green

Application No.: 08/709,930

Filed: May 28, 1999

For: Surgical System

Art Unit: 1941

SUPPLEMENTARY PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR  
INTERFERENCE WITH U.S. PATENT  
NO. 5,878,193 UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.607

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Continuation Prosecution  
Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (transmittal filed concurrently herewith), please enter the  
following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 115-117 as follows:

- 1 -- 115. (New) A method for allowing a user to remotely control a  
2 movement of a surgical instrument having a tip, the method comprising the steps:  
3 a) establishing an original position of the surgical instrument tip;